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POW/MIA Memorial Freeway Bill Sent to Governor

Sanborn bill would rename M-53 between 27 and 34 Mile

(LANSING) – Former Prisoners of War (POW) and those Missing in Action (MIA) will now be commemorated on a stretch of highway in Macomb County. Sanborn Senate Bill 530 will designate the portion of M-53 between 27 and 34 Mile roads as the “POW/MIA Memorial Freeway.” It was passed by the House last week and sent to the Governor for her signature this morning. She is expected to sign the bill into law by Thursday, July 3rd, just before the 4th of July holiday.

“As we celebrate Independence Day with our families and in our communities, it is important to remember those members of the armed forces that gave the ultimate sacrifice,” Sanborn said. “It is the least we can do to commemorate the memories of the soldiers who suffered as prisoners of war and those who went missing while serving their country.”

On Thursday, May 22, the Michigan Senate held their 9th annual Memorial Day service which included veterans from local Senate districts and featured Dr. Wayne Tucker, a former POW from Washington Township and a current constituent of Sanborn’s, as the keynote speaker. Dr. Tucker a retired Lt. Colonel, spoke about his experiences a POW during the Korean War.

Senator Sanborn, Assistant President Pro Tempore, represents Northern Macomb County and is a resident of Richmond.